Spacecraft Terminal Emulator

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Designed for the Triana mission, the Spacecraft Terminal Emulator (ITOS_TERM) is an ITOS related program to process an interactive terminal session to the spacecraft using an xterm window interface to send directives to the spacecraft OS using special spacecraft commands via STOL and receive replies in a specific telemetry packet. Optional parameters allow out put to be written to a file exclusively or in parallel with screen output. ITOS_TERM is started by STOL procs scterm or scfterm which acquires the current running telemetry stream. For starting a proc, see section "START" in "ITOS STOL Directives". Note, there should be no "default" entry in the 'ctrlsource.dat' file. All double quotes entered in the xterm to be sent to the spacecraft are replaced with 2 double quotes.

- Command line arguments for ITOS_TERM.
- Proc arguments for SCTERM.
- Proc arguments for SCFTERM.

0.1 Command-line arguments for itos_term

-h <host> Host to which to connect for data under the client_tcp transport, and the host from which to accept data under the udp transport (defaults to any host). Under udp, class D IP addresses cause the program to join the given multicast group. Required for client_tcp transport

-p <port> Port to which to connect for data under the client_tcp transport, or the port on which to listen under the server_tcp transport, or the port on which to read under the udp transport. Required for client_tcp transports. For other transports, defaults to 0 which causes the system to select the port.

- -o <offset> Offset into packet to start extracting data. The length of the data is to the end of the packet and can thus be variable in length.
- -x <type> Defines the datatype packet string (S1 or S21).

option to be selected otherwise an error occurs and the program terminates.

-f <file> The name of a file write output. If omitted, output only goes to the xterm window.

-v <int> Set verbosity level <int> for debugging.
Defaults to 0.

0.2 Proc invocation arguments for scterm.proc

start scterm(operation, station, virtual_channel, appid, offset, type, prefix)

operation [begin, end], "begin" open a new xterm session,
"end" closes a running xterm session. If a begin
is used and an existing xterm of the same parameters
is still running then that window is brought to the
foreground and this proc exits.

station [the entry name in 'ctrlsource.dat' used for the acquire of telemetry].

appid [0 .. 4095], the packet number return strings come down.

offset [number], the offset from the beinning of the packet where the return string starts. The length of the data is to the end of the packet and can thus be variable in length.

type [S1, S21], S1 strings are received in the natural order, i.e. "ABCD" comes down as "ABCD", S21 strings are received with every other character

swapped, i.e. "ABCD" comes down as "BADC".

prefix [quoted string] containing STOL spacecraft command to be prefixed to the string entered in the xterm window to be sent to the spacecraft]. Example: "/hkshell command=".

Example: scterm(begin, dynsim, 0, 3, 36, S1, "/ismshell command=")

starts an xterm window connected to a data stream called "dynsim" that will acquire all VC0 AppID 3 packets and strip out an S1 type string starting at offset 36 till the end of the packet and displayed it in the xterm window. All keyboard entered lines will be appended to the "/ismshell command=" string and sent to STOL to be executed.

Example: scterm(end, dynsim, 0, 3, 36, S1, "/ismshell command=")

terminates the ITOS_TERM program started by the above example. It is best to terminate this way rather than just closing the xterm window so that the running frame_sorter task is terminated as well.

0.3 Proc invocation arguments for scfterm.proc

start sfcterm(operation, station, virtual_channel, appid, offset, type, prefix, file)

operation [be

[begin, end], "begin" open a new xterm session,
"end" closes a running xterm session. If a begin
is used and an existing xterm of the same parameters
is still running then that window is brought to the
foreground and this proc exits.

station

[the entry name in 'ctrlsource.dat' used for the acquire of telemetry].

virtual_channel [0 .. 7], the VC number the return strings comes down, most likely vc0.

appid

[0 .. 4095], the packet number return strings come down.

offset

[number], the offset from the beinning of the packet where the return string starts. The length of the data is to the end of the packet and can thus be variable in length.

type

[S1, S21], S1 strings are received in the natural order, i.e. "ABCD" comes down as "ABCD", S21 strings are received with every other character swapped, i.e. "ABCD" comes down as "BADC".

prefix

[quoted string] containing STOL spacecraft command to be prefixed to the string entered in the xterm window to be sent to the spacecraft]. Example: "/hkshell command=". If string is set to "NOTERM" (all capitals) then the xterm window is not open and all output is sent to the "file". If file is "" then "NOTERM" is ignored.

file

[quoted string] containing the fully qualified pathname of a file to write the output. If the string is empty (i.e. "") then no file output is created.

Example: scfterm(begin, dynsim, 0, 3, 36, S1, "/ismshell command=", "")

starts an xterm window connected to a data stream called "dynsim" that will acquire all VCO AppID 3 packets and strip out an S1 type string starting at offset 36 till the end of the packet and displayed it in the xterm window. All keyboard entered lines will be appended to the "/ismshell command=" string and sent to STOL to be executed. No output is written to a file so this proc is effectively the same as "scterm".

Example: scfterm(begin, dynsim, 0, 3, 36, S1, "/ismshell command=", "scterm.out") starts an xterm window exactly the same as the above example but output is simultainiously written to the file "scterm.out".

Example: scfterm(begin, dynsim, 0, 3, 36, S1, "NOTERM", "scterm.out")

starts the itos_term program with the same options as the above examples but no xterm window is created and output is only written to the file "scterm.out".

To stop the above example and any itos_term invocation, start the same proc that started the program but change the operation parameter to "end".

Example: scfterm(end, dynsim, 0, 3, 36, S1, "NOTERM", "scterm.out")